

EXHIBIT 3

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Norfolk Division
CASE NO. 2:18CV530

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.,
INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF NORFOLK
& PORTSMOUTH BELT LINE
RAILROAD COMPANY,
Plaintiffs,

-vs-

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY
COMPANY, NORFOLK & PORTSMOUTH
BELT LINE RAILROAD COMPANY,
JERRY HALL, THOMAS HURLBUT,
PHILIP MERILLI, and CANNON MOSS,

Defendants.

Zoom Remote Proceedings
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
1:19 p.m. - 6:37 p.m.

VIDEOTAPED TELECONFERENCE DEPOSITION OF ROB GIRADOT

Taken before Robyn Maxwell, RPR, FPR,
RSA, and Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at
Large, pursuant to Notice of Taking Deposition filed in
the above-mentioned cause.
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1 we're up against the hour and a half?

2 MR. CHAPMAN: I'm fine with that.

3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right we're off the
4 record at 4:35 p.m., and this is the end of media
5 number two, the time is 4:35 p.m.)

6 (Recess taken, 4:35 p.m. to 4:46 p.m.)

7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the
8 record. This is the beginning of media unit
9 number three. The time it 4:46 p.m.

10 BY MR. CHAPMAN:

11 Q. Mr. Girardot, before we went off the
12 record, I had asked you about CSX's efforts to maximize
13 the utilization of its rail equipment, and I think you
14 said, yes, of course it would do that?

15 And I just wanted to follow that up by
16 making sure that -- that I understand that -- would that
17 also include maximizing the utilization of intermodal
18 rail equipment such that you would load as many
19 containers as you reasonably can into wells?

20 A. Yes, we -- that's -- we do that okay.

21 Q. So getting back to the question about the
22 1.76 containers per well assumption, I wasn't sure where
23 that came from. And there was an objection about the
24 fact that the exhibit was not in front of you, and I
25 think we were able to put that on the screen now.

1 If we can put what was marked as Exhibit 18
2 at the CSXT 30(b)(6) deposition from January. All right.

3 Can you see that, Mr. Girardot?

4 A. I can't see the whole -- I mean, maybe you
5 can scroll down a little bit. I can see the top part of
6 it. Stop. Good. Okay; now I can see it.

7 Q. Okay. First of all, can you show us where
8 the 1.67 containers per well assumption appears on this
9 spreadsheet?

10 A. It -- you know, it's not -- it's not on
11 there.

12 Q. Okay. Is it somehow in the data itself?

13 A. Well, I think that if you take the number
14 of wells, right, divided by the number of containers,
15 right, that it -- it would -- it would come out to that
16 1.67.

17 Q. So can you point us to the line or columns
18 where that information appears?

19 A. Well, we're -- somehow we're using 40,000
20 containers and then if you take that for -- you know,
21 the -- the revenue divided by 210, right, that's the
22 number of wells, right. And then you take the number --
23 the well -- the number of wells and you move 40,000
24 containers with that, that that would come out to the
25 1.67. I believe that's how the math works. I have to

1 get my -- I have to get a calculator out.

2 Q. So 40,000 containers are moving in how many
3 wells?

4 A. Well, let's do the --

5 MS. PETERSON: Mr. Chapman --

6 MR. CHAPMAN: Yes.

7 MS. PETERSON: Do you all happen to have
8 the native version of this Excel as it was
9 produced because I think that might be helpful,
10 you know, just to kind of shortcut this a little
11 bit where this is not the document as it was
12 produced by CSX.

13 MR. CHAPMAN: Yeah, I'm sure we do have it,
14 but it's not in this portal, this exhibit portal.

15 MS. PETERSON: I think we can pull it up if
16 we need to. I mean, we do have that available so
17 you can look at it in the Excel form.

18 MR. CHAPMAN: Okay. Let me -- let me just
19 see how far I can get with this.

20 MS. PETERSON: Okay. We can -- we can
21 always do it later.

22 BY MR. CHAPMAN:

23 Q. I get the base amount volume at the top,
24 2017 actuals, 40,000 containers. How many -- how many
25 wells would that involve then?

1 A. I mean, 5 million divided by 210 would be
2 the number of wells.

3 Q. I'm sorry, you said 5 million divided by
4 \$210?

5 A. Right, because we're -- this is figured out
6 at \$210 per well. And so -- so -- so the number of wells
7 would be 5 million divided by 210.

8 Q. Right. So if you don't have a calculator
9 in front of you, it's close to 24,000 wells?

10 A. All right.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. So if you divide 40 by 24,000, I think that
13 gets you 1.67.

14 Q. So that's how you -- how you've backed into
15 it in term of this calculation, it just didn't jump out
16 as a line item on this spreadsheet, correct?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Okay. So I understand that's an assumption
19 because that's what it says in your declaration. What is
20 that assumption then based on?

21 A. That's basically our -- our experience for
22 international traffic going in and out of ports.
23 That's -- you know, that time period probably would have
24 been based on, you know, the prior year's results. You
25 know, that's kind of the ballpark -- ballpark good

1 walking around number, you know.

2 Q. So my question is: What data did you pull
3 to arrive at that determination of 1.67?

4 MS. PETERSON: Objection; lack of
5 foundation.

6 A. That's just a good walking around number.
7 I mean, that's just, like a, you know -- it's just a
8 general metric, you know.

9 BY MR. CHAPMAN:

10 Q. That lives where in the CSX system?

11 A. That's just based on experience. I mean --

12 Q. Your personal experience?

13 A. That's my personal experience and kind of
14 eyeballing train consists and looking at how many, you
15 know, cars and containers -- I mean, just -- that's just
16 a good number.

17 Q. And I'm not suggesting that you're not a
18 human calculator, Mr. Girardot, but I'm jut trying to
19 find out if there's any data -- real data that -- that
20 you pulled or turned to -- to arrive at that number?

21 A. No I -- I didn't, no.

22 Q. But it formed the basis of this document
23 that is Exhibit 18 from the earlier depositions that
24 we're now looking at, correct?

25 A. That's right. Yeah, I think, you know,

1 that -- you know, when you do feasibility studies like
2 this, you -- you come up with numbers that are realistic.
3 They're not ideal numbers. They're -- they're what you
4 generally experience. You know, like we sort of have a
5 walking around number that -- that, you know, it's -- for
6 international traffic, it's 30 feet per container, you
7 know.

8 Q. So the exhibit also references, near the

9 [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]

11 Do you see that?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. And if we express that in percentages,
14 would it be 60 percent export and 40 percent import?

15 A. That's correct, yeah.

16 Q. Does your analysis assume that the import
17 containers are spread evenly across railcar wells that
18 are used to bring the export traffic into NIT?

19 MS. PETERSON: I'm just going to object for
20 lack of foundation here. This is a 30(b)(6)
21 exhibit so I don't think that we've established
22 whether Mr. Girardot himself prepared it without
23 any other input.

24 MR. CHAPMAN: Well, I'm only asking because
25 he specifically referenced it in this declaration

1 that I think I'm entitled to ask some questions
2 about. So I'm just trying to understand it.

3 A. Well, these are averages of averages,
4 Mr. Chapman and, you know, sometimes you pull -- put
5 empty cars in, sometimes you pull empty cars out in the
6 same week. Certain months are heavier on exports than
7 they are on imports in certain months. Certain times of
8 the week imports are heavier. So average of averages of
9 averages. These are good scenario level numbers that I
10 think are very realistic when I saw them. They are very
11 realistic. They fit very well with my experience
12 watching trains roll in and out of ports.

13 BY MR. CHAPMAN:

14 Q. Did you have any or provide any assistance
15 in the preparation of this document?

16 A. Yeah, I'm sure I did. And, again, you do a
17 document like this, it's -- you don't know what the
18 future is going to be and you look at what are some sort
19 of reasonable averages in a realistic world. And these
20 are reasonable averages in a realistic world moving in
21 and out of a -- of a port that's -- that's not balanced;
22 import versus export it's not balanced sequentially
23 through the course of the week. If anything, the numbers
24 are very, you know, favorable as far as to try and -- far
25 as trying to -- trying to convince -- you know, I think